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FOR JOHN HIRSCH

FOLLOWING TEL AVIV 3219 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN
CAIRO DAMASCUS JERUSALEM MAY 6; REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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SUBJECT: US/ISRAELI RELATIONS AS A CAMPAIGN ISSUE

1. ALTHOUGH NOT MAJOR ISSUES IN THE CAMPAIGN, THE SUBJECTS OF US RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, EXPECTED US PRESSURE ON ISRAEL, AND US VIEWS OF PERES HAVE FIGURED FROM TIME TO TIME IN ELECTION SPEECHES AND ADVERTISEMENTS. THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS FROM POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS ARE EXAMPLES.

2. ON APRIL 22 THE GUSH EMUNIM PUBLISHED AN ADVERTISEMENT REFERRING TO ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY AND ASKED "WHERE IS THE INDEPENDENCE? AMERICA HAS DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD NOT MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT LEBANON. AMERICA DECIDES TO WHOM PLANES SHOULD BE SOLD. AMERICA DECIDES WHERE WE MAY ESTABLISH SETTLEMENTS AND WHERE NOT. SO WHERE IS THE
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INDEPENDENCE?" THE ADVERTISEMENT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY URGE READERS TO VOTE FOR THE NRP BUT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN GUSH EMUNIM AND THE NRP IS WELL ENOUGH KNOWN TO POTENTIAL VOTERS.

3. AN ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED BY THE DMC ON A DAILY BASIS UNDER THE HEADING "TIME FOR A CHANGE" CLAIMS THAT

A VOTE FOR DMC WILL BE A VOTE FOR A PROGRAM WHICH
"STRENGTHENS THE COUNTRY'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE
SO THAT IT WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND FOREIGN
PRESSURES DURING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT."

4. A LARGE, PROMINENT ALIGNMENT ADVERTISEMENT, ALSO
PUBLISHED SEVERAL TIMES, ASKS UNDER A HEADING "WHAT
DID BEN GURION, ESHKOL AND PRESIDENT CARTER SAY OF
SHIMON PERES, OUR NEXT PRIME MINISTER?" THE ADVERTISEMENT
GOES ON TO ANSWER BY SAYING IN PART "PRESIDENT JIMMY
CARTER DESCRIBED HIM AS A STRONG AND DETERMINED
LEADER CAPABLE OF TAKING DECISIONS AND ARTHUR GOLDBERG
FORETOLD THAT HE WOULD GIVE ISRAEL GREAT LEADERSHIP."

5. IN AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE POST ON MAY 6, EXTRACTS
FROM A SPEECH TO ALIGNMENT CANDIDATES BY PERES INCLUDE
THE FOLLOWING REMARKS REGARDING "COMMON GROUND WITH THE
AMERICANS":

6. "I DON'T WANT TO PAINT A PICTURE OF THE WHOLE WORLD
AGAINST US. I HAVE GOOD GROUNDS FOR THE BELIEF THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION
ARE NOT AGAINST ISRAEL, AND ON A NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL
POINTS THEY ACCEPT THE ISRAELI POSITIONS. I BELIEVE
THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTS THE NEED FOR UNDER-
STANDING, TRUST AND A COMMON STRATEGY BETWEEN ISRAEL AND
THE UNITED STATES AS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITIN FOR
NEOGITATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

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7. "SECONDLY, I BELIEVE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION, LIKE
ITS PREDECESSORS, IS INTERESTED IN A STRONG ISRAEL, WHICH
CAN FEEL THAT IT IS STRONG ENOUGH TO ADVANCE ALONG
THE ROAD TO PEACE.

8. "THIRDLY, THE AMERICANS AFFIRM THAT THE SETTLEMENT
MUST BE THE RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OURSELVES
AND THE ARAB STATES, AND NOT THE OUTCOME OF EXTERNAL
COERCION OF ISRAEL.

9. "FOURTHLY, THE NEGOTIATIONS MUST LEAD TO A SITUATION
OF REAL PEACE. IN MY ESTIMATION, THERE IS ALSO A
FIFTH POINT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN US: NAMELY, THAT A
PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD ENDANGER THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL,
THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE, AND ALSO -- AS HAS RECENTLY
TRANSPIRED -- THE FUTURE OF JORDAN." DUNNIGAN UNQUOTE
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